

REMARKS

The allowability of Claims 14, 15, and 17 is acknowledged. Claim 1 is amended for purposes of expediting prosecution to include the limitations of Claims 4, 5, and 14, which are now cancelled. Claims 8, 13, and 15 are amended to depend from Claim 1. Independent Claims 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26 are amended to include limitations similar to those of amended Claim 1. Claims 1-3, 6-13, and 15-30 are pending in this application. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and claims are respectfully requested.

The rejection of Claims 1-13, 16, and 18-30 under 35 USC §103(a) over "Muhlestein" (U.S. Patent Pub. 2003/0191810 to Muhlestein et al.) in view of "Bhesania" (U.S. Patent Pub. 2002/0122056 to Bhesania et al.) is respectfully traversed, because a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been established. However, the rejection is moot in view of the amendments to the claims and should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Reconsideration and a notice of allowance are respectfully requested in view of the Remarks presented above. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, a telephone call to the undersigned at 720-652-3733 is invited.

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